

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 1-22, 102-105, 117-120, 192-195, 222-225 and 238-273 will be pending. No claims are currently amended.

Claims 23-101, 106-116, 121-131, 196-221 and 226-237 have been canceled without prejudice solely to expedite the allowance of the remaining claims. (Claims 132-191 were canceled without prejudice in the AMENDMENT AND PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE filed on July 24, 2006.) Applicants expressly reserve the right to file one or more continuation and/or divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Quayle Action indicates that claims 1-22 and 102-105 are allowed. Applicants further note with appreciation that the Interview Summary mailed November 21, 2006 indicates that claims 1-22, 102-105 and 238-273 are allowed.

Applicants respectfully request that dependent method claims 117-120, 192-195, and 222-225, believed to be commensurate in scope with the allowed claims from which they depend, be rejoined, examined, and allowed in the above-identified application.

Reconsideration and early allowance of the claims is respectfully requested. If any issue(s) remains in connection herewith, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss the same.

No fee, other than that separately-provided for in the petition to extend time filed herewith, is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fee(s) be required, however, please charge such fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

Respectfully submitted,

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